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handling of funds of the Ministry for State Security by the Ministry of the Interior which, formerly, were directly allotted, to the Ministry for State Security does not **imply** that it is subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior.

4. The main administration for political affairs, whose deputy chief is Inspekteur Boehme (fnu), was ordered to move from Berlin-Adlershof to house No 59/61 on Behren Strasse, Berlin-Mitte. This building is being reconditioned.<sup>3</sup>
5. The headquarters of all the Volkspolizei cadre units is scheduled to move from Berlin-Adlershof to Schneller Strasse or Behrenstrasse. The chief of this headquarters, Ewald Kunschke, a veteran of the Spanish Civil War and a member of the SED Central Committee, will allegedly be promoted to the rank of Generalinspekteur in the near future.<sup>3</sup>
6. Political considerations in consequence of the visit to Bonn of the delegates of the Volkskammer and the envisaged negotiations on free elections in all Germany make it appear improbable that the existence of the Ministry for National Forces will be publicized in the near future. The Ministry of the Interior is the only office mentioned in internal and official transactions.

1. [redacted] Comment. The existence of a Ministry for National Forces is established and the origin and the professional background of the section chiefs mentioned reveal the predominantly military character of the headquarters. Chefinspekteur Wagner is believed to be identical with the former chief of the VPD in Brandenburg-Hohenstaeken, Kurt Wagner. Oberrat Teuber (fnu) previously was chief of the 4th Section (transportation) of the main department headquarters of the NVA. Inspekteur Reimann previously was chief of the 5th Section (signal communications) of the main department headquarters of the NVA. Chefinspekteur Linko (fnu) was previously reported by the same source as having the same assignment. Chefinspekteur Walter Dechler formerly was Minister of the Interior in Land Brandenburg and, during the last years, chief of the central headquarters of the NVA. The data furnished are not believed to represent the definite organizational setup of the Ministry of National Forces.

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2. [redacted] Comment. According to information furnished by the same source, only 150 persons were assigned to the ministry in early August 1952. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The purpose of these movements is not yet clear. They may be connected with further organizational changes.

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